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THE "SLUMP."

We are not going to say "we told you so," because we didn't, but will say that the ruinous decline in "watered" securities with which the country has been of late actually flooded is not surprise to us. Napoleon rode recklessly on his Waterloo and such has been and will continue to be true of the "Napoleons of finance." The "poor always with you" is of God's appointment, but the same God never decreed that a handful of the children of men should in any age own it all. The world was started when a Morgan at one bound aspired to the mastery of the high seas, and looked on in amazement when Carnegie distributed millions as though they had been mites. Virginia looked on with just pride and growing admiration as one of her young sons began to absorb railroads as though they were toys.

But with the most conservative all this admiration was mingled with a grave fear that as there must be some limit to the "sky scraper" so there must be to sky-scraping schemes of making money. America is a prolific mother but she cannot be expected to give birth to a millionaire every hour of each coming and going day.

Our resources are enormous but they are not boundless. Human capacity has its limits and men are not yet omniscient or omnipotent. The crash had to come and now that it has come may it teach our wise men wisdom. Our consolation is found in the fact that neither the banks nor general business of the country are involved in the "slump." They continue to do business at the old stand and in the old conservative way.

Let Wall street wag as it will, the rest of us will be happy still.

Richmond has gotten rid of a troublesome ward, but how about the ward politician? May be he "wasn't born to die."

A "thorn in the flesh" whose uses we cannot now understand but may in the great beyond.

The financial troubles of Messrs J. L. Williams & Son are coming altogether too near. These worthy gentlemen have the sympathies of the entire South, and the hope is that their embarrassment will be only temporary.

President Roosevelt may go as far South as Florida. We have much to complain of in our President, but come when he will a cordial greeting and gentle courtesies await him all through our Southland.

"CHRONIC GROWLER."

So says the Richmond Times-Dispatch of the Herald and so saying exhibits surprising ignorance of the general conduct of the most cheerful and hopeful of the Virginia brotherhood of weeklies. Our brother must have forgotten that the Herald is the child of a Boom, and we are safe in saying that no celestial ever more revered an ancestor. The day on which we read this grave charge from our worthy contemporary a regular, thoughtful and conservative reader of the Herald reproached us for still living in boom-land and for painting our pictures of passing events in colors all too fair and radiant. We could but feel somewhat guilty then to be called a "growler," a "chronic growler," is all too bad.

No doubt our brother has been hearing growls of late, and they have come from the readers of the Times-Dispatch, who from mountain to sea side have become chronic growlers for the reason that the five-dollar paper is so far inferior to the three-dollar paper. This alone can account for the terse indictment against the Herald. The air is so charged with growls that our contemporary imagined that the ailment had struck the Herald's sanctum, the cheerfulness spot in all Virginia.

Why should we growl? There is no "water" in our stock though our machinery is run by water, and the "slump" hasn't come this way. "Slumps" are ripening, old hares a running, "possums" fattening, "taters" yellowing, apples reddening and the babies growing. Growling? On the contrary we are glad and grateful.

If that vote of acquittal at the foot of the gallows in Wise county could have taken the place of the verdict of the jury it would have come to the relief of the condemned at a critical moment.

Senator Daniel has recently visited Gettysburg, the bloody field on which he received the badge of honor he has been wearing all these years. How he must have been impressed with the contrast between then and now.

Scratch a majority of the financial failures on their backs, and one can plainly read a feverish, fretful desire to own the "earth." Most of us must be content with a wee bit of a corner of it.

"THE UNSPEAKABLE TURK."

How long will the civilized world to say nothing of the Christian world stand by and see the bloody and bestial Turk prosecute his fiendish work? Who is my neighbor? The Bible has given no uncertain answer to this all searching question. When famine threatens any people or any climate American ships well laden fly to the rescue. In Macedonia, whose children have filled the world with their fame, something more to be dreaded than hunger runs riot over the land, and England, Germany, America, hands of Bibles, lift no hand to repress or relieve. Instead of boasting of our civilization we should take our places low in the dust and cry "unworthy."

THE PRIMARY PLAN.

We desire to go on record as favoring the primary mode of selecting candidates for office within the Democratic party and the viva voce system of putting it into execution, but if a majority of brother Democrats in the State are opposed to it and will so say in due and solemn form, then we are ready to bow to the will of the majority. This is a country of majorities, and when it ceases to be such it will become the home of a dictator.

Republicans are the authors of the secret ballot in Virginia and "mighty" they inaugurated was for the good of Virginia.

We are yet to hear a rational objection to the primary or the outspoken manner of expressing a choice of candidates, and we are prepared to make fight for our position, but it shall be done "within the union." Wisdom wasn't born with us nor do we expect it to die with us, and so we are open to conviction and ready to co-operate with the larger number of Virginia Democrats for the highest good of the Commonwealth.

Our home is in the Southside but we want to do that which is best for the Southwest, the Valley, Piedmont and Tidewater.

"God save the Commonwealth!" and not simply our dear old Southside.

A LAY SERMON.

Many of our contemporaries have fallen into the habit of giving their readers lay sermons week by week. We have resisted the temptation so far but for fear of being reckoned with those who lag behind in the race we beg to offer our maiden effort in this regard. Our text will be found in Proverbs 21, verse 4, and is one of the most mysterious as well as fearful in all the Bible: "The Plowing of the Wicked is Sin."

Is there human endeavor more useful or more honorable than plowing? And yet God's word for it the plowing of the wicked is sin. If so then the love of family, love of country, the practice of any of the virtues, sacrifice for others, generosity, benevolence, eating, drinking, working, resting, nursing the sick, helping the helpless, defending the weak, teaching the ignorant, leading the blind, comforting the sorrowing when done by the wicked amount to sin. And why? Because it is written in the same Bible "do all to the glory of God" so that when no glory is given to the God of all no good is done.

Fearful thought, but so it is written. You may doubt it but you can't dodge it. Short sermon this but pregnant with meaning. What is the conclusion? Seek first the kingdom of God and his glory.

Hon. J. J. Owen ought to be a happy man. Those who know him best endorse him most fully. One prophet at least who is honored by his neighbors.

The gifted editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch has a genuine case of fall fever and has just returned from a walk in the woods and through the fields where he saw the flowers fading, the dogwood redden, the hickory yellowing, the grass brown, the leaves falling while the sun was shining out in new beauty and the harvest moon quick upon the heels of the king of the day, moving like a queen across the bosom of the sky and the stars "sparkling the heavens with splendor." And now that he has been entranced with all this beauty he advises his readers to go out into the God-made country places and get new inspiration under the uplifting and elevating influences.

Our criminal courts, high and low have been rather busy of late, with the result that our lawyers are laughing while clients are not.

Henrico is so in touch with Richmond that the councilmanic volcano or something akin to it has broken loose there. We get mad in Prince Edward over political affairs but don't do bad.

THE PRIMARY PLAN.

The Bedford Bulletin has this to say of it: "The primary plan has been used in Bedford county since 1855. It was demanded by the people, and it has proven most satisfactory. There has never been a single instance that we recall where the result of a primary was not cheerfully acquiesced in, and all factions gathered to support the nominees. In the old convention system there has been such dissatisfaction that independent have been encouraged to come out. In a convention, however representative it may be, a few leaders will control, while in a primary the vote in one section is off set another, and a true majority rule." Our brother disapproves the viva voce feature, and in this we think he is in error, but the Democrats of the State will settle all these questions, and until then it is their duty to obey the law or writ.

PRACTICAL CRUSADE VS. STRONG DRINK.

"The most practical crusade against the vices of gambling, drinking and cigarette smoking is coming not from the W. C. T. U., the Prohibition party or the churches, but from the employers of men who have need to be brainy, and to remain so. This crusade is not based on purely moral grounds, and is not accompanied with any waving of banners or blowing of trumpets. It simply announces in a very prosaic, yet very eloquent circular that persons addicted to these vices are not wanted in places of responsibility."

The man who aspires to handle an engine, to manage a bank, sell goods, teach in schools or dictate public policy had as well understand in advance that no drunkard is wanted.

The mounted salvation army hasn't been routed as yet even in the mountains of Kentucky and West Virginia. The Gospel, even in the hands of "weak vessels," will never lose its power.

If steel continues to decline as it has done of late, Mr. Carnegie will get to be a poor man even before he dies and even his gifts will be feared.

"A trust," some one has said, "is a large body of wealth surrounded by envy."

We would suggest that it is a large body of reputed wealth surrounded by water.

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FARMERS TO THE FRONT.

Some years ago an organization of farmers was effected on the Eastern Shore of Virginia for the purpose of arranging the sale of farm products without, as far as possible, the intervention of middle men, and the business has been so well managed that large profits are returned annually to the shareholders. This idea seems to have spread West, and is about to materialize on a more comprehensive scale in Arizona, where a Farmers' Marketing Company with a capital of \$100,000,000 has been incorporated. The company is to have branches in various sections of the country and is to deal with everything relating to farming in the matter of both buying and selling—Richmond News Leader.

There is no reason that the farmer should not be the most independent human being that treads God's green earth. The idea of his being slave to any man or set of men is simply monstrous. Let him "trust in God and keep his powder dry" and he has nothing to fear. Touch evens, present solid front, guide right, march and victory is already won.

"It hurts," says the New York American, "to have the water squeezed out of the industries, but that is the only way to make them digestible." We have gotten rid of the fifty-cent-dollar-fair, and it now remains to be relieved of the "water cure." Morgan's ships may not float where this has been done but other staunch crafts will sail the seas.

The Panama Canal project escaped dying in a ditch at any rate.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

At the annual meeting of the Petersburg Tobacco Association Monday, General Smith Bolling was re-elected president for the eighth time. The sales of loose tobacco will begin there about the 14th instant.

Mr. Robert P. Voight, vice president of the National Bank of Commerce at Norfolk, and president of the Voight Grocery Company, died Monday morning after a long illness. He was 47 years of age and leaves a widow and several young children.

Colonel John C. Porter died Monday at his home, in Culpeper county, aged 77. Colonel Porter saw active duty in the Confederate Army, rising to the rank of colonel. He was once prominent in Virginia politics and was associated with the State Auditor's office. Colonel Porter was a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute.

W. F. Johnson, a well-known resident of Windsor, on the Norfolk and Western railroad, was run over by the Triby excursion train from Norfolk Sunday night. He attempted at Windsor to board the train while it was in motion to go to Richmond. One of his legs was crushed and his collar bone broken. It is thought his injuries will prove fatal.

Mayor Taylor of Richmond Monday, after conference with the chief of police and some of the dead man's relatives, offered a reward of \$100 for information that will lead to the arrest of the murderer of J. A. Scott. The police have a distinct theory as to who committed the crime, but the information is not sufficiently definite to warrant an arrest.

United States Senator John W. Daniel opened the political campaign in Virginia at Franklin Monday, discussing the issues from a Democratic standpoint.

At Newport News the grand jury recommended that Justice of the Peace T. H. Saunders, of Wythe district, be summoned before the court to show cause why he should not be removed from office for malfeasance. The case grows out of the trial of a number of boys for misdeemeanor.

In Richmond on Saturday night Jno. Pendleton Kennedy, a member of the staff of the Library of Congress, was elected State Librarian. He will enter upon his duties a month hence, and John Jackson will fill the office in the interim. Mr. Kennedy is a cousin of John Esten Cooke and a nephew of Hon. John P. Kennedy, the first Secretary of the Navy and author of "Horse Shoe Robinson." Mr. Kennedy is a native of Winchester, where he was born 33 years ago.

RESPECT FOR AGE.

The Oldest Resident of Farmville States As Experience That Commands Attention.

Age always commands respect. While but following a life of success in business and in society, given weight to the words of their possessor. Many people regard such words as inspired. It is our purpose here to quote the words of the oldest resident of Farmville, W. T. Rice, the well known retired merchant living on the west side. In speaking of one of his most troublesome experiences he says: "For six or seven years my kidneys gave me considerable trouble, consisting of the greater part of the time of a dull pain in the small of my back. I heard Doan's Kidney Pills spoken of so highly that I went up my mind to test them, and went to H. C. Crute's drug store and invested in a box. That first box did me so much good, that I got another. I derived much benefit from their use, and expect a permanent cure. I am pleased to recommend the Pills."

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